

**Remarks**

The specification has been amended to include the reference to related applications. In addition, the claims have been amended for nationalization in the United States. No new matter was introduced through these amendments.

It is respectfully submitted that the Pending Application, including Claims 1-28, is in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing amendments be entered, and the Pending Application be promptly allowed.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if such contact would in any way facilitate and expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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